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News worth sharing.

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▶ Getty Stewart, founder of Fruit Share, says the group will pick any fruit, including rhubarb.

No bad apples when volunteers pick and share

▶ Homegrown food group expands from one neighbourhood to across the city ▶ Developing a guide to backyard fruit

Those trees in your yard that produce those inedible cherries, then litter your lawn? They might actually be edible — and someone wants to pick them for you.

Fruit Share is into its second year in Winnipeg, and has grown from about 10 volunteers to a core of 75 volunteers, and counting.

The idea behind Fruit Share comes from founder Getty Stewart's horror at seeing perfectly good fruit growing in people's yards only to go to waste.

"To see apples fall to the ground and rot, or rotting on the tree full of wasps ... it breaks my heart."

Modelling her group after similar groups in Toronto, Vancouver and other major Canadian centres, Stewart came up with Fruit Share. Volunteers will come to a person's home and pick the fruit from their trees or bushes. One-third goes to the homeowner, one-third goes to the volunteer, and one-third goes to one of nine charities that accept homegrown fruit, including Winnipeg Harvest, Siloam Mission and Agape Table.

Stewart said she started the group just to concentrate on her home neighbourhood of South Osborne, but got phone calls from across the city.

The group ended up sharing 1,700 pounds of fruit with several charities, and their goal is to share 7,000 this year.

"With the focus now on food security and sustainable food sources, there's a renewed interest," said Stewart. "People used to share their fruit naturally, they didn't need a group."

"We hear that a lot, that people's grandmothers made this but their mothers never did, and now they want to learn."
GETTY STEWART, FOUNDER OF FRUIT SHARE

Not sure if your fruit is edible? Fruit Share will come and identify it for you. They are also developing a guide to backyard fruit that will be available in the fall.

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Unlicensed drivers 'huge problem in the city'

Winnipeg's roads are jammed with hundreds of drivers who get behind the wheel without valid licences or insurance — and they tend to be the ones most at risk of getting into a crash, a top city traffic cop said yesterday.

"Uninsured and unlicensed has always been a huge problem in the city," said Winnipeg Police Service Sgt. Doug Safioles.

"There's hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of unlicensed and uninsured drivers," he said, adding he didn't have data at his fingertips to say exactly how many.

Safioles said police consider unlicensed drivers to be a menace but there's little that can be done to enforce licence scofflaws except to pull over cars or run plates.

"In general, they tend to be the worst drivers," he said, suggesting many unlicensed drivers lost the privilege because of crashes or other mishaps and the penalties were just too steep to pay.

Police said that between June 3–5, officers working in the RoadWatch program pulled over 219 vehicles. Five unlicensed drivers were found, and three vehicles were unregistered.

Since RoadWatch took to the streets in April, 21 suspected impaired drivers were charged, and 23 more had their licences suspended for a day after failing a breathalyzer.

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▶ Sgt. Doug Safioles

Man charged after cat gets attacked

Alleged abuser was also wanted for breaches of probation at time of his arrest Suspect allegedly grew angry during visit and targeted cat

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A house cat was the victim of a brutal and senseless recent attack in a West End home, according to Winnipeg police.

Police were called to a home on Toronto Street after receiving a dispatch to check on the well-being of a woman who lives there.

Prior to their arrival, a woman's cat had been attacked inside and suffered injuries, Const. Jason Michalyshen said.

Officers were told a suspect had come to the home and while inside, grabbed the cat, threw it in the air and allegedly punched it "multiple, multiple times," Michalyshen said.

"There's no rhyme or reason as to why he did it," Michalyshen said. The feline was taken to a veterinarian and treated for injuries.

Police arrested Ryan Brackenbury, 31, on Hart Avenue on May 30.

He also faces a single animal-cruelty charge.

He remained in custody at the remand centre yesterday.

Travellin'. Band

▶ Members of The Sheepdogs perform at the Cube stage in the Exchange District yesterday as part of their Folk Fest Noon Hour Concert series.

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The Sheepdogs give Winnipeg a visit

The Saskatoon-based rockers, Sheepdogs, were the first band to grace the outdoor Cube stage so far this year.

News in brief

Freak accident claims life

POND. A Charleswood man who was taken to hospital in critical condition after a freak accident in his backyard has died.

Police said the 57-year-old man was lifting a heavy object when he lost his balance and fell into a pond in his yard.

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Man aims for officer with car

TRAFFIC. A man trying to dodge a traffic ticket made police dodge his car — twice.

Winnipeg Police said they were conducting a check stop near Donald Street and Lagopoulas Way on June 4. Officers tried to pull over a man behind the wheel of a 2009 Nissan 370Z who was speeding, but the man instead accelerated at the officers, forcing them to jump out of the way.

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Search organized for missing woman

Mildred (Millie) Flett disappeared one year ago today Last spotted in downtown area

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A search team is being organized to look for missing woman Mildred (Millie) Flett, who disappeared one year ago today and has not been heard from since.

An email plea was sent from the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs yesterday asking for volunteers to gather on Saturday at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Flett, 51, was last spotted in Winnipeg's downtown. She also goes by the name Mildred Nelson and is the ex-wife of Roseau River First Nation Chief Terry Nelson.

That Flett has been missing for so long is "concerning," police said at a press conference on May 30. But police spokesperson Const. Jason Michalyshen said there was nothing concrete to suggest Flett was the victim of foul play.

Flett is described as aboriginal, 179 centimetres tall and weighing 63 kilograms. She has brown eyes and medium, wavy, black hair that she may have cut short, police said.

The group will meet to search and to show support for Flett's family, the email says.

Organizers are seeking donations of trackers, gas vouchers, food and beverages and seeking drivers.

For more information, email rmeconse@manitobachiefs.com.

HANDOUT

▶ Mildred (Millie) Flett

PM target of hacking attack

It seems a hacker without a cause was the likely culprit behind a false report on the Conservative party website yesterday morning claiming Stephen Harper had been helicoptered to Toronto General Hospital "after an incident at breakfast."

"He was eating breakfast with his kids when a piece of hash-brown lodged in his throat, blocking air from reaching his lungs," the item reported.

The false report was eventually removed from the website, but not before rookie Tory MP Chris Alexander re-tweeted it.

The incident comes at a time when hacking for fun, mischief, malice and profit has been much in evidence around the world.

A person or group called LulzRaft claimed responsibility and plaudits for the Harper hoax on Twitter.

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▶ Fans watch the Vancouver Canucks lose to the Boston Bruins in downtown Vancouver yesterday

FANS' PARTY POOPED IN GAME 3

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HOME ICE ADVANTAGE

The 8-1 mauling at the hands of the Bruins Monday let some of the air out of Vancouver's gigantic hubris balloon and brought the city back to Earth (a little bit).

According to police statistics — the universal barometer for good times — about 35,000 people watched the game downtown in glorious weather and at expanded viewing areas to accommodate the expected crowd.

By comparison, Game 1 saw 40,000 celebrators, despite torrential rain, while 70,000 people hit the street Saturday for Game 2.

Game 2 also leads the way for trouble, with 46 arrests and 891 booze pour-outs.

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Nintendo unveils new Wii

Will the Japanese giant's new Wii U revolutionize gaming?
Controller resembles a mobile device and can be used as a shield

Nintendo introduced its new game console, the Wii U, at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, Calif., yesterday.

Its distinguishing feature is a unique controller, which resembles a tablet computer. Users can play games on the TV, on the controller, or both.

"It's a new structure for home entertainment," Reggie Fils-Aime, president and COO of the company's North American division, told the crowd.

Although the controller resembles a mobile device — and the Wii U itself is Internet ready — Fils-Aime cautioned that, "it was not designed to be a portable gaming machine, even though it shares some characteristics. The images displayed on the new controller are generated only by Wii U."

"Nintendo needed to differentiate themselves from their competition one more time, and they're very far out of the box with this new controller," Chris Kohler, gaming editor of Wired.com, told Metro.

Fils-Aime displayed footage of New Super Mario Bros. Me and Lego City Stories. Other titles include Batman: Arkham City, a new Assassin's Creed and EA Sports.

The new product is key to Nintendo's future. Although the original Wii has sold 86.7 million units worldwide (compared to 54 million for Xbox and 50.6 million for Playstation 3), sales have lagged recently, with a reported 29 per cent decline in revenue.

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Wii vs. Wii U

What's the difference between the old and new systems?

- **The controller.** Wii U's controller is rectangular and has a touch screen, speaker and camera compared to the screen-free baton of the Wii.
- **More mature games.** There's more bloodshed in space, sports and warrior games. Compare that to the family-friendly Wii Fit.

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▶ Nintendo's new Wii U goes on sale next year.

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RIM connects with Scoreloop

BlackBerry maker Research in Motion has acquired German social game developer Scoreloop in a bid to boost development of social and collaborative gaming applications.

RIM says Scoreloop will help its developer community "take gaming to a new level of social integration."

Munich-based Scoreloop has developed a gaming ecosystem aimed at building communities designed to generate revenue from mobile games.

Its products allow programmers to build connections from games to social media through virtual currencies, global leaderboards and product promotions.

RIM, based in Waterloo, Ont., has had a stiff fight from technology giant Apple, whose hugely popular iPad is in direct competition with RIM's less lauded PlayBook tablet.

Apple announced iMessage for the iPhone, iPod touch and iPad, which mimics the popular BlackBerry Messenger program.

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▶ The view from a condo in Vancouver beside Stanley Park with a view of English Bay, the park and downtown.

Vancouver housing costs could plummet: Report

A new report suggests sky-high housing prices in Vancouver could fall more than 21 per cent if foreign investment ebbs or interest rates climb.

The report from BMO Economics says overpriced homes in some Canadian cities, along with elevated household debt, suggest the real estate market is vulnerable to a correction — especially in Vancouver.

It says past housing corrections saw Vancouver home values fall an average of 21 per cent. Prices are even higher today, averaging $815,000 in April, making the market even more susceptible.

The report says housing costs in Vancouver now eat up 11.2 times of median family income. The Canadian average is 5.1 times median family income — a historically high level as average Canadian home prices have more than doubled in the past 10 years.

BMO says current prices suggest that even a modest increase in interest rates will slow the market in coming years. Some triggers that could set off a broader collapse include a rapid rise in interest rates, a sharp increase in unemployment or a slowing of foreign investment.

High home prices in Toronto also mean the country's biggest city is likely poised for softer prices in the near term, fuelled by a rising supply of condos that could soon outstrip demand, leaving a glut on the market. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vestigial: (vĕstĭj'ēəl): Relating to a body part that has become small and lost its use because of evolutionary change.

For example, Canada Post.

In case you haven't heard, there's a strike going on at the post office. It's a nice, polite, post-modern rotating strike that, so far, has touched lightly on smaller cities such as Victoria and Hamilton, but the posties could hit the bricks across the board and most of us would only notice a slight reduction in the amount of junk mail cluttering our mailboxes.

Snail mail is one of those vestiges, like the appendix, that is hanging around (literally, in the case of the appendix) but has an increasingly obscure purpose.

Unless you're one of those vestigial anachronisms who likes to pay bills by mail and fondle your paycheque for a few minutes before you sacrifice it to hungry creditors, you probably pay your bills on the Internet, get your pay via direct deposit and send emails to your relatives in Parry Sound, Ont.

"The sad truth is, if Canada Post had an appendectomy tomorrow, no one, except for those 50,000 people with nice jobs, would really suffer."

Even snail-mail Christmas cards are giving way to e-cards, which you can pick up on your laptop, iPad, PlayBook, smartphone, desktop, etc. Of course, you can't mount them on the mantel, but interior decorators everywhere agree that's a good thing.

Snail mail has decreased by 17 per cent since 2006, says Canada Post, and, frankly, it's surprising the drop isn't greater. Must be all those vital fast-food coupons.

So what is the union thinking? Why remind us that Canada Post employees, with no advanced educational requirements or experience, start at $24 per hour with three weeks' holidays, retire with full pension at 55, and can bank sick days (what's a sick day?), for being the workplace equivalent of the appendix?

The sick-day banking thing is particularly interesting. You could argue that sick days are a humane mechanism, but why should you get to keep them when you're not sick? And turn them in for cash? At taxpayer expense?

The sad truth is, if Canada Post had an appendectomy tomorrow, no one, except for those 50,000 people with nice jobs, would really suffer. It might take a couple of weeks to learn how to send money by email, pay Canada Revenue online, and transfer your holiday greetings to Facebook, but there is nothing that posties do that can't be duplicated online or by private companies.

Apparently, postal Armageddon is not arriving fast enough for the union, so as it teeters on the brink of irrelevance, it has decided to go on strike, finish itself off, and leave no forwarding address.

Return to sender. Just sayin'.

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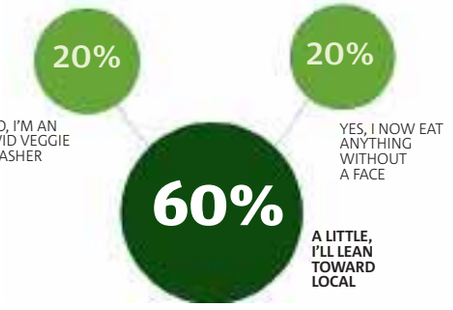
Has the E. coli outbreak in Europe changed how you shop for produce?



Local tweets

- **@ABCcreativity:** These mandarin oranges are Crazy Good. Who needs sunshine in the sky when you can eat sunshine in an orange?
- **@sheenazade:** you, @wendelmozo, are my sunshine on this gloomy day and everyday !
- **@matthewdevaney:** I support the Vancouver Canucks but Rome made it hard to cheer for them last night
- **@Trachalio:** @dasme Controller looks awesome. Hopefully not too heavy or else we'll all look like Popeye a few years after WiiU comes out :P
- **@ohsoretro:** As much as I like the heat, today's cool rainy weather is so much better for sewing. Also better for napping, and baking.
- **@colincraig1:** Manitoba's provincial debt is currently going up by $16.20/second. Remember that when u see new spending announcements #mbpoli #manitoba
- **@emilapedia:** #canucks first loss in 6 games nothing to worry about! 8-1 or 1-0 still a loss. They will regroup and come out for Gm4 ready! Go #Canucks

Worth mentioning

ROME. Global food prices fell slightly in May, but they will remain "at stubbornly high levels" for months to come, a UN agency said yesterday.

The Food and Agriculture Organization said high and volatile prices can be expected the rest of this year and into 2012, citing a decline in food stockpiles and modest production increases for most of the crops.

Food prices dropped one per cent in May compared to the previous month, but remain 37 per cent above May 2010, according to a price index released by the agency. It said lower cereal and sugar prices led to the decrease in the May index, offsetting increases in meat and dairy prices.

The index hit an all-time high in February, raising fears of a repeat of the food crisis of 2007-08, when high prices led to violence and political tensions in many parts of the world. Prices in March decreased, though experts warn they remain far too high for many poor communities.

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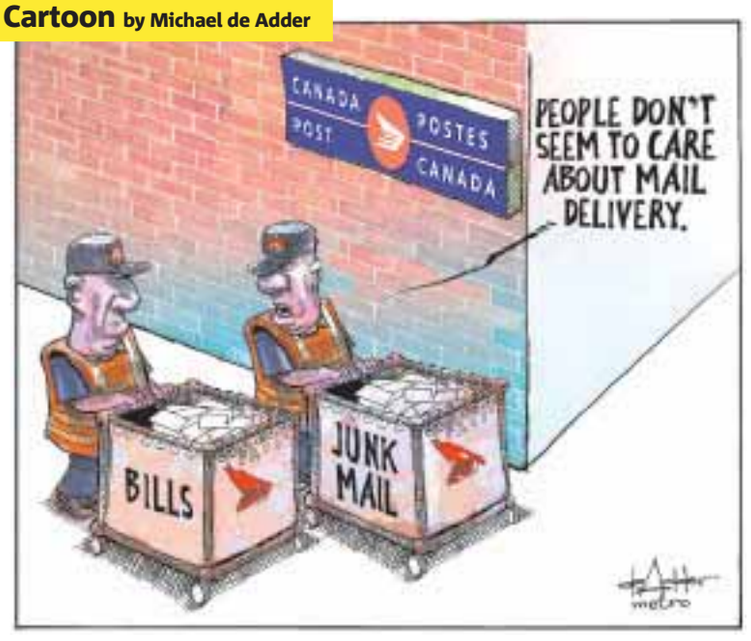

WEIRD NEWS

No sequel for this sheep named Shrek

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▶ Shrek

New Zealanders were mourning the loss of the country's most famous sheep yesterday, a shaggy national icon named Shrek who was renowned for avoiding being shorn for years.

Shrek captured the public's imagination in 2004 after he evaded the annual shearing roundups for the previous seven years by hiding in caves on his farm on the South Island. When finally found, he was clad in an astonishing 27 kilograms of wool.

That's about five times a typical annual shearing from Shrek's breed, the Merino sheep, prized for some of the softest wool. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lady Antebellum not a 'one-trick pony'

- **Country trio wants to move on from the crazy success of their single Need You Now**
- **Next topic: Lady A reveals Sept. 13 release date for their new album, Own the Night**

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▶ Thrown into the spotlight: Need You Now was the top-selling country album of 2010 with three million copies sold, and the title track was the top-selling digital download.

Now that Need You Now has changed their lives, the members of Lady Antebellum are ready to change the subject.

The country trio will release their follow-up to that Grammy-winning album on Sept. 13.

Own the Night turns the page on a notable chapter in the story of Hillary Scott, Dave Haywood and Charles Kelley's rise from promising country up-and-comers to one of the most successful crossover acts in music history. It's time to move on.

"We don't want anyone to think we're a one-trick pony," Kelley said in a phone interview with The Associated Press from Los Angeles. "That's our goal, to say, 'Hey, guys, we've got more coming.'"

Need You Now was the top-selling country album of 2010 with three million copies sold, and the title track was the top-selling digital download.

Fans downloaded the song about an ill-advised and drunken late-night call to an old flame more than 3.1 million times last year.

It was the rare country song that resonated across the spectrum of listeners, rising to No. 2 on Billboard's pop music chart.

"I think for us we're just ready to have new music out there and have the conversation shift toward something different."
CHARLES KELLEY OF LADY ANTEBELLUM, ON THE GROUP'S HIT SONG NEED YOU NOW

The song netted most of the major country awards, and Lady A won a leading five Grammys, including song of the year.

The album produced three multiweek No. 1s on the country chart and pushed the trio into headliner territory on the road, where they spent much of 2010 after the January release of the album turned everything upside down.

"I think we'd be lying if we didn't say it puts that little added pressure on us for this record," Kelley said.

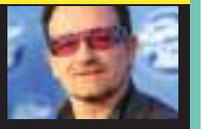
"I think for us we're just ready to have new music out there and have the conversation shift toward something different. My biggest fear is having the conversation keep being about a song that's two or three years old. I feel as artists and musicians we're ready to move on to the next chapter."

Movin' on

Lady A are eager to spin the conversation forward to the May 2 release of their new single, Just a Kiss, and fans showed they're receptive.

- **The single** debuted at No. 7 on the Hot 100, a record for a country group.
- **The song** is a classic example of the trio's strengths with Kelley and Scott harmonizing over a slow-burning track about simple emotions that most people can connect with.
- **The trio** now has a recognizable sound that will be featured on Own the Night, Kelley said.
- **Much of the writing** was done on tour buses with the trio inviting songwriters to accompany them for a week at a time.
- "There's a lot of songs I think that have a lot of nostalgia to them," Kelley said. "I think when you're out there on the road and you're so busy, you tend to get a little more introspective and you start thinking about what road led you where you are. So there's a lot of songs looking back at childhood or old love or whatever it may be."

Scene in brief



Space shuttle Endeavour commander Mark Kelly delivered an out-of-this-world message to a U2 concert after Bono dedicated a song to Kelly's wife, Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Kelly appeared on a video board from the International Space Station and said "Tell my wife I love her very much."
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Patti LaBelle, Steve Harvey to be honoured at the BET Awards, where Chris Brown is to perform. Scan code for story.

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Kate Hudson

Baby shower for Kate Hudson

Lots of gender-neutral gifts for boy or girl

Kate Hudson is one step closer to becoming a mom again, celebrating with a baby shower at a private home in Malibu recently with guests including Rachel Zoe, Courteney Cox and Jessica Capshaw, according to People magazine.

"[Kate] looked amazing and kept giggling while mingling with friends, nibbling on food and playing games. She seemed to have the best time," a source says of the soirée.

With the gender of the baby still a mystery, guests lavished Hudson with "gender-neutral baby items," according to the source. METRO

Cheryl Cole not on X-Factor

Producers for the new U.S. edition of X Factor have made it official, announcing that Cheryl Cole is out as a judge for the reality series.

"Nicole Scherzinger will be replacing Cheryl Cole on the judging panel of The X Factor," a statement from Fox, Fremantle Media and Syco TV reads.

"Nicole has previously joined Simon Cowell as a guest judge on The X Factor for the U.K. version of the show in 2010. Steve Jones will act as sole host of The X Factor."

No official reason was given for Cole's dismissal. METRO

Cameron Diaz

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Cameron ignores rumours of split

Cameron Diaz is reportedly laughing off reports that she and Alex Rodriguez have split up, according to Us Weekly. The pair have been acting very much like a couple around L.A. recently, hitting up parties for the MTV Movie Awards and the NBA finals looking "very affectionate," sources say.

As for dealing with reports about her love life, Diaz shrugs it off: "If I want to read gossip, I read about somebody else's life. I can't worry about what other people say," Diaz tells Extra. METRO

Scarlett, Sean Penn still friends

Scarlett Johansson

Though Scarlett Johansson and Sean Penn have put their relationship to rest, they were spotted hanging out together recently backstage at Spike TV's Guys Choice Awards, according to Popeater, though it's apparently no surprise.

"If you remember after Scarlett confirmed her split from Ryan [Reynolds] the two continued to see each other and have dinner together,' a friend of the actress says. METRO

Mila Kunis: I'm no sex symbol

Mila Kunis doesn't exactly agree with the idea that she's a sex symbol, according to L.A. Confidential magazine.

"I'm flattered, but I'm not that person," the former That 70s Show star says.

"Sophia Loren is a sex symbol. If watching TiVo and eating Pinkberry in sweatpants is sexy, then I'm your gal." METRO

Reiser: Show was caught in crossfire

While Paul Reiser is smarting over the cancelation of his latest sitcom, The Paul Reiser Show — which was yanked from NBC earlier this year after airing just two episodes — the comedian thinks there's plenty of blame to go around.

"One of the things I've learned is it's not really a great idea to develop a show at a network that gets sold in the middle of your term," he tells Popeater, referring to NBC's recent deal with Comcast. "It could not have been a less opportune moment" METRO

Celebrity tweets

@nicolerichie

"Why is everyone getting junk mail besides me? All my friends are complaining, and I have to lie and say "totally, me too!"

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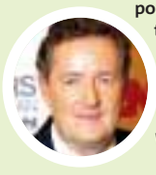

"Has there ever been a better name for a sex scandal politician than Weiner?"

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"When society collapses, who do I talk to about being killed last?"

@DamonLindelof

"Emma Frost's THREE mutant powers: Telepathy, Transformation to Solid Diamond and last but not least, Sucking at Acting."

3 life

Enjoy the sights, sounds of Saskatoon

Head to Canada's heartland this summer and taste the fruits of their labour The Saskatoon berry is a local favourite in many forms

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Who knew little old unassuming Saskatoon could be so colourful and fun? Especially when there doesn't happen to be any snow on the ground.

Part of that colour, comes every year from the rich red juice of the fabled Saskatoon berry, which is a long time favourite of locals, and quickly becoming a tourist attraction for us out-of-towners.

After arriving at the famous "Berry Barn" just a few miles south of the city, I was hit with the undeniable fact that these tasty little berries are becoming a downright industry. We're talking pies, cakes, preserves, chocolates, ciders, teas and juices, all made from these berries. I even headed out back to harvest a few handfuls from the touristy berry patch orchard. Inside the Berry Barn gift shop, tourists were snatching up Saskatoon Berry plush dolls. Hey, why not exploit what you have! With breathtaking views of the South Saskatchewan River, and a great little country-style dining room, the "Barn" is a great way to wile away a prairie afternoon.

Full of berries, and ready for some high speed adventure, I decided it was time to move on to the new Auto Clearing Motor Speedway, north of the city. Saskatoon has one of the best racing facilities in the country, and I have to say there is nothing like the excitement of a good stock car event in a city that appreciates it.

With a grandstand seating only 3,000, you can get an up close feel for what racing is all about, fast and furious style. That whole baron prairie stereotype of Saskatoon was quickly erased for me, soon after arriving in this vibrant city. Saskatoon berries, and stock cars … what more do you need?

Activities

Other cool things to do in Saskatoon.

- **Walk the Meewasin Valley Trail:** Stroll along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, which winds through the center of the city. In the winter you can even skate or snowshoe.
- **Wanuskewin Heritage Park:** This national historic site features an interactive museum on local native culture. The gateway to hundreds of acres of scenic trails, prairie landscape and archeological sites.

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▶ A beautiful red sky in Saskatchewan.

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▶ The South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon.

Travel in brief

Bibliophiles who love to travel have a new resource — the website literarytourist.com, launched by an Ottawa-based journalist who says he wants to help used bookstores stay in business. Nigel Beale calls the website a "one-stop shop for literary tourists," with listings for 7,000 to 8,000 stores and destinations across North America. Places in other countries will be added later.

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Musical festival on the high seas

Seven-day cruise is a music geek's Garden of Eden
A wide variety of concerts offered every day at sea

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▶ The Cayamo Cruise 2011 aboard the Norwegian Pearl cruise ship. Cayamo is an annual music festival at sea. Acts perform in half a dozen cozy venues, the largest seating about 800 people.

Cayamo concerts are different in several ways. They start on time. They last only an hour. And the speakers hanging from the ceiling tend to sway.

Sometimes the musicians do, too.

"Usually I go where I want on stage," John Prine said. "But here I go where the ship takes me."

Cayamo is an annual music festival at sea featuring performers of Prine's ilk — singer-songwriters with acoustic guitars and devoted fans. There are bands, too, and amplifiers, and all of the attractions that go with any other Caribbean trip. That means sunshine, shore excursions, a laid-back vibe and too much food.

Mostly the 2,000 passengers come for music. That was the case in February during Cayamo 2011 aboard the Norwegian Pearl. It was a seven-day excursion — six days of concerts and one day listening to musicians tune. Or so it seemed.

Main attractions included Prine, Brandi Carlile, the Indigo Girls, Steve Earle, Patty Griffin, Richard Thompson, Loudon Wainwright III and Buddy Miller. But one of the delights was discovering lesser-known acts such as Scott Miller, Chuck Cannon and Roddie Romero and the Hub City All-Stars.

A partial lineup for February 2012 includes Prine, Thompson, Wainwright, Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt and Keb' Mo'.

Acts perform in half a dozen cosy venues, the largest seating about 800 people. During the February trip, shows began in the afternoon, and music continued into the wee hours each night. One jam session in the atrium lasted until 2 a.m. and involved more than a dozen musicians from five bands.

For the many music geeks on board, it was like being a spectator at a golf or tennis tournament. You'd study the schedule at the beginning of day and plan where you wanted to be when, who you were willing to miss and who you absolutely had to see.

Prices for the February cruise start at $1,235 per person for double occupancy interior cabins, so Jazz Fest or Bonnaroo would indeed be cheaper. But Cayamo has comfy chairs and no Port-O-Lets, and you're always within walking distance of the swimming pool, a dining room and your bed.

"It's an experience that can't be replicated on land," said Carolyn Spencer Brown, editor of CruiseCritic.com.

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If you go ...

- **Cayamo Cruise.** Seven-day cruise from Miami on the Norwegian Pearl to the Caribbean, Feb. 5-12. All cabins have been booked but a waiting list is available for rooms that open up due to cancellations. cayamo.com Other niche and genre music cruises listed under "Events" at sixthman.net.

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Brown rice for any time

These recipes showcase how to use the grain in snacks, appetizers, mains

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These brown rice bars are packed with dried fruits, nuts and seeds and bound together with wholesome brown rice and natural nut butter. They're portable, convenient and, best of all, provide the energy you need to keep up with your busy schedule. These bars can also be prepared as cookies.

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 190 C (375 F). In a large bowl, beat butters and sugar until light and well combined. Beat in egg and vanilla.
2. In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and cinnamon. Stir into butter mixture until well combined. Fold in rice, coconut and trail mix.
3. Spread mixture into a parchment-lined 33-by-23-cm (13-by-9-inch) baking dish. Bake in the centre of oven until golden and set, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool before slicing into bars with a serrated knife.
4. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days or wrap and freeze for up to 1 month.

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Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter, softened
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) pure nut butter (peanut, cashew, almond) with no additional ingredients
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla
- 250 ml (1 cup) brown rice flour
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) gluten-free baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
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Fiesta Layered Salad

Preparation:

1. Cook rice according to package directions. Spread evenly on a baking sheet to cool; fluff with a fork.
2. In a bowl, whisk garlic with lime juice, cumin, salt, pepper, honey and hot sauce. Whisking constantly, gradually pour in oil to combine. Stir a spoonful of the dressing with the avocado. Set aside remaining dressing.
3. In a straight-sided glass bowl or trifle dish, layer red pepper, avocado, black beans, rice, corn, tomato, green onion, cheese and cilantro.
4. Drizzle with remaining dressing just before serving.

Ingredients:

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) long-grain brown rice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) lime juice
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 4 ml (3/4 tsp) each salt and pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each honey and hot pepper sauce
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) oil
- 1 avocado, peeled and cubed
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chopped red pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) each corn kernels and chopped tomato
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped green onion
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped cilantro

These Brown Rice Cuban Burgers are a healthy option for your next backyard barbecue They're easy to make

▶ Brown rice burgers are low in fat and high in fibre.

A meatless option for backyard entertaining, these convenient, healthy burgers are flavourful and made with ingredients from all food groups.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan, bring broth and rice to boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook until all liquid absorbed, about 40 minutes. Let cool
2. In skillet, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of oil over medium-high heat. Cook red onion until tender. Stir in pepper and mushrooms and cook until tender. Stir in garlic, cumin, coriander, salt and red pepper flakes and cook 1 min.
3. Scrape onion mix into food processor. Add breadcrumbs, cooked rice, beans, feta and egg. Pulse to combine.
4. Using wet hands, form into 125-ml (1/2-cup) patties. In skillet over medium-low heat, cook in batches using 15 ml (1 tbsp) of oil at a time until golden brown, 6 mins per side. Serve on buns with pickle slices.

Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) vegetable broth
- 250 ml (1 cup) long-grain brown rice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) safflower oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each finely diced red onion, red pepper, mushrooms
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin and coriander
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each coarse salt and red pepper flakes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) gluten-free seasoned breadcrumbs
- 250 ml (1 cup) canned black beans (drained and rinsed)
- 60 g (2 oz) crumbled feta
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Dill pickle slices (garnish)

Take a chance on the new kid

STUDENT VOICE

CAROLYN MANN
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▶ Carolyn Mann thinks that a person's willingness to learn should be considered just as carefully as their former work experience.

I just finished my third year of a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of British Columbia Okanagan.

I live in a small city and find it difficult to find meaningful work experience. I don't know how many times I've heard, "You don't have enough experience," and wanted to scream back, "Well how do you think I am going to get the experience?"

I hope employers will eventually realize how ridiculous this is.

When employers do hire interns and students, though, they should include them in their teams for the long-run.

Nothing is more frustrating than putting in long hours and good ideas, and your employer refuses to see you as a long-term member of the team.

I understand that interns cannot always be long-term employees. However, employers should recognize that every new hire has the potential for long-term employment if they prove they're valuable.

Students and recent grads have a different view of the world and bring completely different ideas to the table. Allow them to be a part of your team, and you'll surely benefit.

My recommendation for a similar situation is to gain the most experience out of the job, no matter the work environment.

Summer internships are short, but you will always be able to leverage the experience you gained for permanent jobs in the future.

When I was searching for a summer positions last summer, I applied to everything! Even though I didn't meet all the requirements posted, I explained my ambition and desire to learn, and explained how I could be a valuable addition to the team.

It can never hurt to apply, and eventually there will be some hiring manager out there who will see value beyond any lack of experience.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Carolyn's experience:

- Even if you're only there for a summer, show your employer that you are a valuable part of the team by asking for more work, helping other employees with their work, and going above and beyond your boss' expectations on a regular basis.
- Keep your options open by applying to opportunities in a variety of fields – you never know who you will meet or what you'll accomplish. Don't limit yourself to your degree title.

RED FLAGS OF FIRING

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▶ Did you see it coming?

Employers are becoming increasingly adept at covering their bases when dismissing employees. Many have learned from past errors that resulted in generous severance packages and now they are motivated to pay little, if any, severance at all. Here are some signs that you are about to be fired that I have gleaned from my clients in the workplace trenches:

- Your performance is suddenly scrutinized. Although your employer need not build a case for incompetence to dismiss you, many try to do it anyway. Their arguments may ultimately fail but, by making them, you become more inclined to settle for less.
- Having turned on you already, your employer's constructive feedback becomes scarce. Once the decision to fire you has been made, employers have less incentive to correct deficiencies in your work and, in some cases, more of an incentive to reveal them.
- If your company pays bonuses, expect to be fired right before yours is paid to you. With your departure in sight, your employer has little motivation to reward you.
- Your important work will gradually be moved to other employees to make the transition easier after you are gone. Assignments will become more menial, shorter term and, ironically, easier to complete.
- Even though your important work has been taken from you, you will be criticized for not doing enough and for making errors, however small, that were not previously remarkable.
- You will be left out of important meetings or, if you are asked to attend, you will no longer play an important role at them.
- Expect that memos will arrive with comments where you were previously given instructions or feedback orally. Follow-up memos confirming conversations about your performance will also be delivered.
- You find your current job posted online — hopefully while you are looking for another one!

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4 sports

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"I'm fortunate that (second-year Bomber head coach Paul LaPolice) and them had faith in me because, honestly, it's an all new staff and I've never really played for them. I'm like a rookie this year."

VETERAN BLUE BOMBERS LONG-SNAPPER CHRIS CVETKOVIC, WHO IS RETURNING TO THE TEAM AFTER MISSING ALL OF LAST SEASON, HAVING TORN THE ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT IN HIS RIGHT KNEE.

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Horton, Rome both gone for remainder of final

Bruins forward out with 'severe concussion' Canucks blue-liner who hit him gets 4-game suspension

There can be no justice when two men lose the chance to take part in the Stanley Cup.

Nathan Horton won't have the opportunity to score another big goal for the Boston Bruins after being hospitalized with a concussion. Aaron Rome, who delivered the hit that put him there, won't play another minute for the Vancouver Canucks this season after receiving a suspension four times longer than any previously handed out in the championship series.

Even the NHL, desperate to take a stand on dangerous hits, doesn't win when it comes down hard on a player at the most important time of year.

"I take it very seriously, very seriously," said league vice-president Mike Murphy, who is handling discipline for the final. "Guys play all their lives to get to this series on both teams, and you might never get back. So I take it very seriously. I do not make light of this.

"I wish I wasn't sitting here. I wish Aaron was playing, and I wish Nathan was playing."

Instead, an emotional series rife with bad blood will play on without them. The league went further than simply handing Rome a record-setting four-game suspension yesterday for his dangerous hit on Horton in Game 3 — Murphy also issued a warning to both teams that any player caught taunting an opponent will be given a two-minute unsportsmanlike penalty and 10-minute misconduct.

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It will be no easy feat for the Bruins to carry on without Horton. He had eight goals and 17 points in 21 games in this year's playoffs.

"We've addressed it with the teams as early as this morning, and I will speaking with both general managers and coaches before the day is over about the crap that we're seeing and the garbage that's going on and some of the issues," said Murphy.

The Canucks were in a somewhat ornery mood despite holding a 2-1 series lead heading into Game 4 at TD Garden today.

In their minds, the only thing worse than losing 8-1 in Game 3 was seeing Rome banned for the rest of the series.

"We totally disagree (with the suspension)," said Canucks forward Daniel Sedin. "We support Rome. He's a hard-working guy. He has no intention to hurt anyone out there."

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▶ Canucks defenceman Aaron Rome delivers his controversial hit on Bruins right-wing Nathan Horton on Monday. Rome was suspended for the hit yesterday.

Coyotes trade rights to Bryzgalov to Flyers

The Phoenix Coyotes have traded the negotiating rights of free-agent goalie Ilya Bryzgalov to the Philadelphia Flyers for forward Matt Clackson, a third-round draft pick in 2012 and future considerations.

The Coyotes had made Bryzgalov and defenceman Keith Yandle, a restricted free agent, their top priorities this off-season.

Negotiations with Bryzgalov broke down because the Russian goalie wanted to not only be a top-paid goalie in the NHL, but one of the top-paid players, according to an NHL official who requested anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

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Sports in brief

Papelbon suspended

MLB. Boston Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon has been suspended three games for making contact with an umpire.

The suspension was to begin last night against the New York Yankees, but Papelbon is appealing.

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Allen sticks with Celtics

NBA. Ray Allen has exercised his option to remain with the Boston Celtics next season. The decision means the Big Three of Allen, Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett will be together for one more season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Tiger Woods will miss the U.S. Open for the first time since 1994.

Woods will miss U.S. Open

With an ailing left leg that needs rest, Tiger takes a pass on a major

Tiger Woods pulled out of the U.S. Open yesterday because of lingering issues with his left leg, leaving him uncertain how soon he can resume his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus's record for major titles.

It will be the first time Woods has missed the U.S. Open since 1994, when he had just graduated high school.

"I am extremely disappointed that I won't be playing in the U.S. Open, but it's time for me to listen to my doctors and focus on the future," Woods said on his website. "I was hopeful that I could play, but if I did, I risk further damage to my left leg. My knee and Achilles tendon are not fully healed."

Woods said he hoped to be ready for the AT&T National, which starts June 30 at Aronomink, and the next two majors. Then again, he said two weeks ago he would do everything possible to be ready for the U.S. Open, which is far more significant.

"We're very disappointed that he won't be playing in the National Open," USGA executive director Mike Davis said, whom Woods called yesterday morning. "He certainly brings excitement to the event. He'll be missed, but the U.S. Open will go on. The event is bigger than one player, but he certainly will be missed."

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"I'd rather see him come back when he's ready. And if he's not prepared, then he shouldn't come back."
MARK O'MEARA

The U.S. Open starts June 16 at Congressional, where Woods won the AT&T National two years ago and tied for 19th when the U.S. Open was last played there in 1997.

Woods was replaced by Michael Whitehead, a senior at Rice who was first alternate from the Dallas qualifier. Whitehead had to win a playoff just to get out of the first stage of 18-hole qualifying, and was stunned to get the news.

"They said on the phone that Tiger has withdrawn from the Open," Whitehead said. "So thanks, Tiger. I guess I'm glad he was listening to his doctors."

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Sale in works for 76ers

The Philadelphia 76ers are on the market and a person familiar with the deal says the franchise once home to Wilt Chamberlain, Charles Barkley and Allen Iverson could be sold within the week.

The person spoke to The Associated Press yesterday on condition of anonymity because the deal with the group led by New York-based leveraged buyout specialist Joshua Harris is not yet complete.

Comcast-Spectacor, led by chairman Ed Snider, has owned the Sixers since 1996, but the group's chief operating officer confirmed yesterday there are ongoing discussions about the team's future.

The person familiar with the deal said the Harris-led group was not the only bidder but is now the lead bidder, adding the deal has been in the works for several months.

ESPN.com, citing unidentified sources, first reported the Sixers were close to being sold to Harris. The site noted another investor included in the deal is former NBA player agent and Sacramento Kings executive Jason Levien.

The deal would need to be approved by the league's board of governors.

Comcast is the nation's largest pay TV provider and the majority owner of media conglomerate NBC Universal. Comcast also owns the Philadelphia 76ers and the Philadelphia Flyers and the stadium where both teams play, the Wells Fargo Center.

NBC, now controlled by Comcast, retained its hold on U.S. Olympic television rights yesterday in a four-games deal through 2020 worth $4.38 billion US.

Harris is one of three founders of Apollo Global Management, a publicly listed alternative investment manager. Harris, through an Apollo spokeswoman, declined comment.

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Winnipeg lands GM for its new NHL team

Winnipeg's new NHL franchise has its first general manager.

A league source requesting anonymity said yesterday the yet-unnamed Winnipeg club has hired Kevin Cheveldayoff as its GM. Cheveldayoff will join the Winnipeg squad after serving as the assistant GM of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Scott Brown, a spokesman for True North Sports and Entertainment Limited — which owns the Winnipeg club — declined comment yesterday.

But the source said the NHL team will make the move official today.

Cheveldayoff, 41, a native of Blaine Lake, Sask., has experienced no shortage of hockey success as an executive.

He guided the Chicago Wolves to a pair of Turner Cup titles in the International Hockey League as well as two Calder Cup championships (American Hockey League) before joining the Chicago Blackhawks front office.

He was part of the Chicago club that captured last year's Stanley Cup.

Cheveldayoff was a defenceman selected in the first round, 16th overall, by the New York Islanders in the 1988 NHL entry draft.

He began his career with the AHL's Capital District Islanders, serving as an assistant captain 1991-'93.

He had a similar role with the Salt Lake Golden Eagles in 1993-'94, earning the team's Unsung Hero Award. But he was forced to retire after five pro seasons as a result of a knee injury.

Cheveldayoff's brother, Ken, is a prominent Saskatchewan politician. He is the province's minister of First Nations and Métis relations, minister responsible for northern affairs and minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation.

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All-wheel-drive

Regardless of transmission, all X1s come with BMW's patented xDrive permanent all-wheel-drive setup.

The system splits the torque equally between the front and rear wheels under normal driving conditions, but when necessary can shift 100 per cent of the torque to whichever axle is driving the tires with grip.

Trim level options

To keep the starting price in low-$40,000 territory, base X1s will be on the stark side, devoid of leather seats, fancy interior/exterior trim and a number of mechanical/safety features.

On the extra-cost sheet is a panoramic glass roof, bigger wheels, heated leather seats, up-level audio/navigation system and a sport steering wheel with paddle shifters for automatic-transmission models. Also offered is an aero body kit that's part of the M sports package.

Engine

Where the X1 makes a really radical departure from the X3 is under the hood.

The sole powerplant is an all-new 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that puts out 241 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. That's one horsepower more than the X3's base non-turbo 3.0-litre inline six, but crushes that engine's torque rating of 221 pound-feet. The X1 is also 180 kilograms lighter than the X3, which is good news for acceleration and fuel economy.

▶ The X1 shares its platform and all-wheel-drive architecture with the Mini Countryman, but the X1 is bigger and, of course, more expensive.

The keys to this Bimmer won't kill your wallet

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If you've been loitering outside the local BMW dealership, palms and cheeks pressed to glass thinking that was as close as you were ever going to get to owning a shiny new Bimmer, it's time to come inside.

Yes, the X1 has just arrived as a highly efficient, cargo-friendly and perhaps most importantly, wallet-friendly family transporter that also packs standard all-wheel-drive, which of course is perfect for Canadian winters.

The popularity of the X1 is so great around the world right now that there are shortages that will delay the model's arrival in the U.S. market until late this year.

Somehow, Canadians lucked out.

While a close inspection and a test drive reveals a lot about the vehicle, the reason for its popularity actually requires nothing more than to understand that the X1 is now the least-expensive BMW wagon in the line at $40,500, slotted below the $43,900 X3.

It doesn't really look less expensive, though. In fact, the X1 looks a lot like the X3. A side-by-side inspection is really needed to reveal the X1's more car-like profile in addition to a slightly more elongated nose.

For buyers on a budget who are dead set on a BMW wagon, their wait is over. Now come inside.

5 drive

By comparison

Acura RDX
Base price: $42,400
Similar to X1 in size and output, but trails in fuel economy.

Audi Q5
Base price: $43,000
A4-based wagon offers standard turbo I4 plus optional 270-hp V6.

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Check last-generation Odyssey for possible transmission and steering issues

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▶ 2005 Honda Odyssey Touring

Competing with the Nissan Quests, Hyundai Entourages and, of course, the sales-leading Chrysler "Magic Wagons" of its era, Honda's last Odyssey was a five-door, seven-seat machine with V6 power, front-wheel drive and over 4,170 litres of maximum cargo space.

Available in numerous trim levels to suit a variety of budgets, more basic units were badged DX or LX, while higher-end EX, EX-L or Touring models were available.

Look for feature content like navigation, a sunroof, heated leather, fog lamps, Bluetooth, power sliding doors, satellite radio, automatic climate control and plenty more.

Power came from a proven 3.5-litre V6 engine with between 240 and 255 horsepower, depending on the year. A five-speed automatic was standard on all models.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2005 to 2010 Honda Odyssey.
- **Vehicle type:** Minivan.
- **Price:** $9,000 to $36,000.

What Owners Like

Most Odyssey owners report satisfaction with overall comfort, ride, handling, power output and even fuel mileage. Styling, spaciousness and the remote-activated sliding doors were also favourites.

What Owners Dislike

Common complaints of the Odyssey include higher-than-expected wind and road noise at speed, some low-budget interior trim and small arm rests for front-seat passengers. Some owners report a low front end, which could get crunched on curbs and steep driveways.

Common Issues

Start a test-drive with a full check of the power sliding doors (if equipped) and tailgate for proper operation. Power sliding doors should open fully and smoothly, and the tailgate should remain open without any help. If that's not the case, the gas struts could be in need of replacement.

Note that power sliding doors in virtually all minivans will eventually fail and require expensive repair. Skip them if possible.

Kill the radio and drive the Odyssey gently up to highway speeds, noting any hesitation or "shuddering" from the transmission in the process.

Many owners have noticed some form of vibration or "stuttering" from the transmission, and some have had torque converters or transmission mounts replaced as a fix.

If the transmission in the Odyssey you're considering makes any unwelcomed noises or vibrations, be sure to have it looked at by a Honda-trained mechanic.

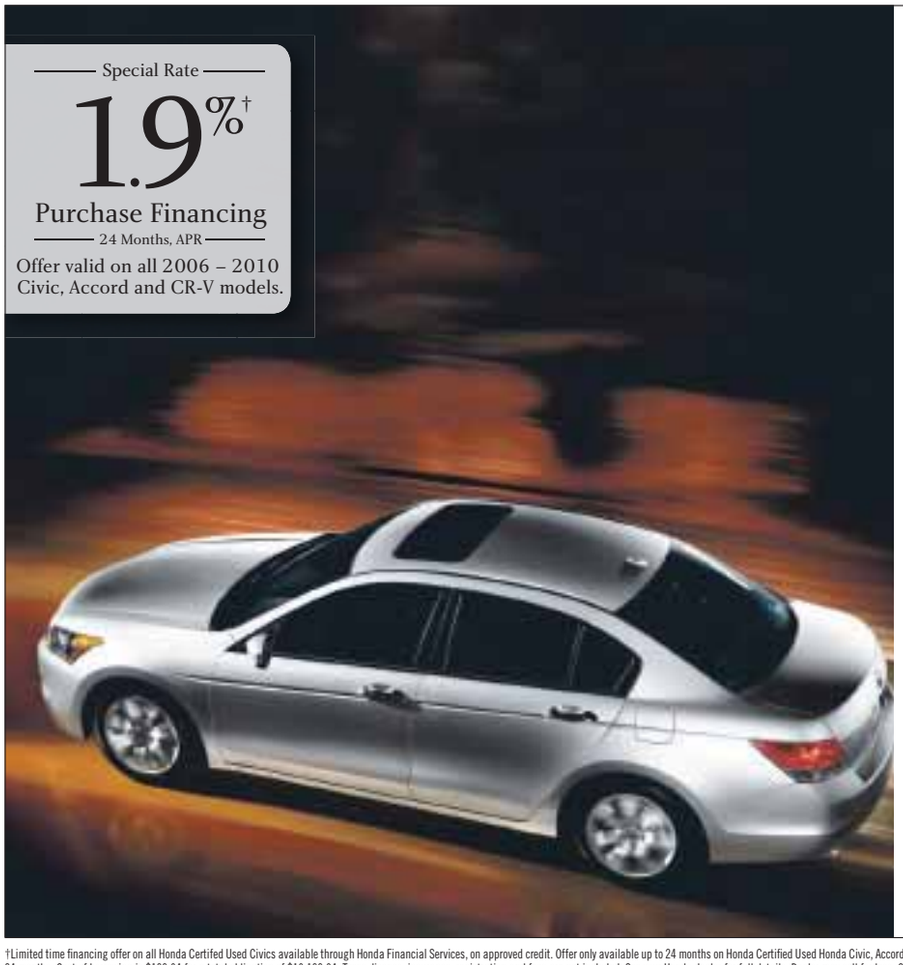
Ensure the Odyssey's steering operates smoothly, easily and without any unwelcomed vibration or "pulling." Numerous owners have reported steering-related issues that could be caused by a failing or faulty power-steering pump.

The Verdict

Common last-generation Odyssey issues are well-documented and should be easy to detect and repair for any Honda mechanic.

Most shoppers agree that Odyssey's comfort levels, high-resale values and relative fuel efficiency should outweigh the potential issues.

Check out Justin's video car reviews online at youtube.com/mr2pritch.



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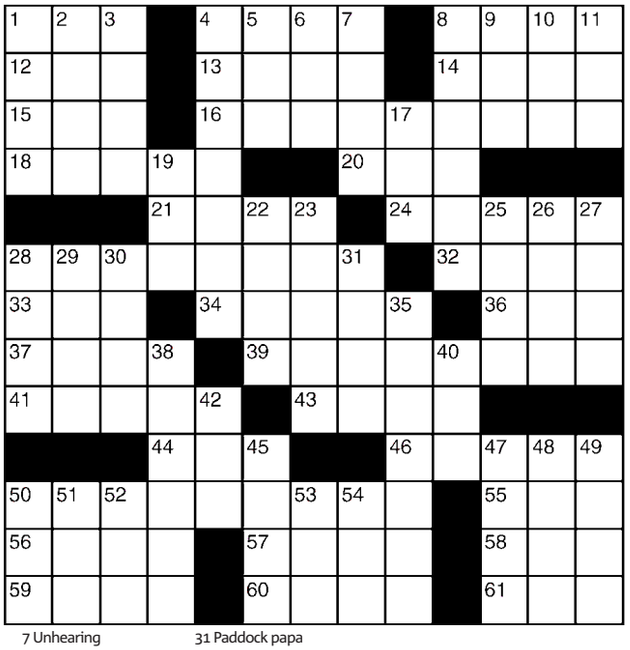

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you want a relationship to get back to how it used to be, you must discuss the future — together.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You know that you have what it takes to reach the top but others may still need convincing.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Best way to win others over is to act as if their approval means nothing.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A family member will bring some unexpected news today. You will realize you should have seen it coming.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If there is someone you have been neglecting, now you must get things back to how they used to be.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Under no circumstances should you try to blame others for your failures.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You need to convince people you live, work and do business with that you know what you are doing.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 The doubts and worries of the past few weeks will fade into nothing over the next 24 hours.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You see clearer and further than most other people, so trust what your inner voice tells you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will have to make a difficult choice concerning your work today.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 From today, you will have a clearer picture of what must be done to make life more enjoyable.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. No matter how reticent a Pisces you may be, you must speak up if you need help. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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